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- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Office Communication Dated August 6, 2004

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Docket No. PD-980189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ellen K. Wesel

Serial No. 09/159,817

Filed: September 23, 1998

For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING A SATELLITE-BASED NETWORK
 WITH A PLURALITY OF SPOT BEAMS PROVIDING UBIQUITOUS
 COVERAGE FROM TWO DIFFERENT SATELLITES

Date: October 25, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2684

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____
 Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.


X No additional fee for claims is required.

_____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,


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